STOCK EXCHANGE

San Francisco Man Says Should Be One Here.

Trading at Present Unsatisfactory to Seller and Buyer-Extensive Asking for Island Stocks.

Edward Pollitz, founder and now vice-president of the San Francisco Stock and Bond Exchange, is at the Hawalian Hotel and will be in town for nearly a fortnight yet. Mr. Pollitz arrived by the Mariposa and is here on business in his own line. He has been established in San Francisco more than twenty-five years, has been in the Exchange seventeen years, has connections with all the American and European centers of business and is well known in the big financial circles. But three Hawalian stocks are listed at San These are Hawaiian, (Spreckelsville) Hana and Hutchinson. There is a good deal of trading in all of them and Mr. Pollitz wants to see more Island corporations on the call sheet. He says that since annexation has been accomplished there is inquiry from the great American cities and from Europe concerning Island securities and that there is a demand for them. Capitalists and ordinary buyers as well look with great or decided favor upon Hawaiian investments under the new political condition. "Are stocks too high here?" asked of the veteran broker. Was

"Not yet." came the reply. does not seem to be any booming, any fictitious valuation. We do not hear of any watered stock here and the property is regarded as substantial. I should say that stock will here come to or reach the ten per cent basis. That is, money will be put in readily on the prospect or belief or confidence of getting ten per cent on the investment.

'What is needed here," continued Mr. Pollitz earnestly, is an exchange They can call it what they will, but in the interest of both seller and buyer there must be common quotations. should think transactions here now would be very unsatifactory to all concerned; whereas, if there were authorized statements of bids and asked, both holders and investors would know just what they were doing. It is now simply individual trading and to the eyes of those having familiarity with stock business has many odd features. It is not on a systematic or correct basis. I do not cast any reflection on anyone I do not east any renection on anyone when I go so far as to say that the present method is not quite fair. Even the brokers suffer. They would do much better were there an exchange and there would be much more business. I assure you. I have spoken to some of the dealers and to many of the owners who have large holdings and all to whom I have broached the subject are in favor of an exchange. When we started on the Coast the charter members put in \$50 each. Now a seat in the exchange is worth \$8,000 and we have an insurance feature. The calls are made twice a day and the lowest figure is the quotation for asked. If the exchange is established here our firm will take its chances with others in San Francisco on getting a share of busi-If the local men do not establish an exchange, it will be done by San Francisco men so soon as the cable is laid and the business will go to San

Mr. Pollitz is in conversation a most interesting business man and at once impresses his caller. Mr. Pollitz has deep faith in the sugar business as conducted by the companies here. He was careful that the Stock and Bond was careful that the Stock and Bond Exchange should not be confounded in tion at any time and the dealers will any way with the mining exchange, which is well known as little else than a gambling institution. Reference to the daily reports of the Stock and Bond Exchange develops at once that only be kept off the park grounds during the best securities are listed.

The interview with Edward Pollitz on the subject of a Stock Exchange for Honolulu, published in yesterday's Advertiser, was the one topic of and popular resort. Minister King thought and discussion among brokers during the day and created general interest and comment among business men and investors. Lots of money is pouring into stocks every day. There is a great deal of idle capital in Hono-iulu. The unsystematic state of valuations is the cause of stowed money. The condition of things is unsatisfac tory to brokers, sellers and purchasers of stock. All are working, in a meas-

ure, in the dark.

The importance of a stock exchange suggested itself before. It was im-perative in independent Hawaii. At that time one broker thwarted the idea. He was opposed to it because he had a big trade and could get along without it. With annexation, however, a new phase appears. Hawaiian stocks can no longer be confined to the Hono-luin market. San Francisco and New York money will demand them. There must be a stated, positive daily valuation here. It must be established by 'Change. No broker or hui can do it. When the cable comes the figures will be posted on 'Change in San Francisco and quotations and offers will be made simultaneously in both towns. Willard E. Brown, a prominent and

successful broker, said of the idea:
"I have always been in favor of a
Stock Exchange. With the number of

worth. A probable seller does not know what valuation to place on his property, because he does not know what the market will stand. Brokers, operating individually, are frequently as much in the dark. The situation cometimes leads to trauble in which sometimes leads to trouble, in which all parties are innocent. A party buys certain, stock of me for \$350. Ten minutes later he learns that another minutes later he learns that another party has bought the same stock from another broker for \$345. Naturally he thinks I have bested him. What we want is a call board with absolute selling and purchasing figures.
"Let the Exchange be established. I do not care to take the lead. There are older brokers than I here. But I will help the scheme to my utmost ability."

Harry Armitage is another enthusi-estic advocate of the idea. If the coun-try had remained independent he hinks matters could have jogged along in the old way. But with annexation and a cable everything changes. There would still be difficulty, Mr. Armitage thinks, in working abroad without the cable. Daily figures would have to be known on time, and where stocks have to be transferred on the company's books there must be prompt communi-cation. Mr. Armitage is thoroughly alive to the importance of an Exchange and will support the movement most heartily.

George R. Carter is one of the oldest and firmest advocates of an Exchange. He has had experience of years in stocks and has perhaps had more practical experience with Exchanges than any broker here. He realizes most ful-ly the importance of a thorough working Exchange with annexation and direct cable communication with money

W. A. Love, the newest stock broker, expects that when the cable is laid Ha-wallan stocks will be eagerly sought in San Francisco. All of the plantations will be on the board. Valuations there must come from a regularly organized Exchange here—not from brokers or individuals. It is just as important that negotiations at this end be on a business basis as offers from the other business basis as offers from the other end. Mr. Love will support the Ex-change idea and feels that there should be no opposition to it. Indications last night were that all

of the brokers were willing and pre-pared to organize. It is understood that about a half dozen other men, largely interested in stocks, will join the Exchange at the outset, if their vices are needed; and will assist it in the largest measure possible.

PARK COMMISSION TO GRANT LICENSES.

Refreshment Stand Privileges-An

Irrigation Plan. A meeting was held yesterday of the

Kapiolani Park Commission.

E. S. Cunha and Frank Hustace have been reappointed to membership in the Commission. Their terms had expired August 4.

Geo. R. Carter has been commis sioned the successor of Paul R. Isenberg, Jr., as a member of the Board Cecil Brown was chairman of the

meeting held yesterday and L. A. Thurston was in his place as secretary. Mr. Irwin, the president, was unable to attend.

Numerous applications for refreshment stand privileges in the Park were considered by the Commission. The activity in this direction is, of course, on account of the establishment of the camps of troops in Waikiki. It was voted by the Commission to let these privileges go at \$25 a month. One or wo members were in favor of much lower figures, but it was argued that the \$25 mark would keep out irresponsible parties, would place a reasonable limit on the number of dealers and especially debar the small dealers who have been accused of selling liquor to the troops. A number of the \$25 licences will be taken out at once. be under control of Mr. McCullom, the commission's man at the park. pushcart vendors, some of whom have been guilty of peddling "swipes," will

business hours,

The old problem of water for the park was considered for some time by the Commission. There is no irrigation at all in that charming beauty spot will be requested to allow Surveyor Dodge to make plans and an estimate on supplying water from a park Government artesian well that furnishes orackish fluid. There is no appropria tion for the purchase of pipe and the Commission hopes that when the cost is known some citizen will come for-ward and offer the money for the work. A general subscription might be asked. It is planned to place some new earth in a number of localities of the park over the sand and to irrigate regularly. The water from the well can be used also to flush the lily ponds from time to time.

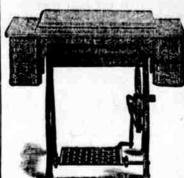
Government Fin nees.

Under the direction of Minister of Finance Damon most thorough and elaborate statements of the fiscal condition of the country are being nade for use at Washington. No more bonds are being sold at this time. Securities of Hawaii may be put forth again in a few months. The joint res-olution provides that the United States assumes \$4,000,000 of the debt of this country. The outstanding obligations at the present time are about half a million above the mark indicated.

Stock Exchange. With the number of brokers here and the amount of stock changing hands daily it is a necessity. When in the States I studied closely the subject and am constantly receiving literature relating to the business of the most important exchanges. I am convinced that the purposed Exchange is imperative—we must have it. As our system now is a purchaser has to visit every broker in town to find out what a particular stock is find out what a particular stock is Islands.



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